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**Sent:** 5/27/2021 11:04:33 PM  
**To:** Giarmoleo, Julia [Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: NOAA/EPA Joint Briefing with Sen. Feinstein Staff on Deep Ocean DDT Contamination off the Southern California Coast

Thanks for your help!

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Regards,

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John L. and others, see my draft responses below in red for your review.

Sonam/Julia, also see my question below in green.

- John

**From:** Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 9:08 AM

**To:** Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>; Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Chesnutt, John

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See some follow-up questions below from Sen. Feinstein's office. Including confusion about who the lead agency is.

Sonam

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**From:** Segal, Alexis (Feinstein) <Alexis\_Segal@feinstein.senate.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 27, 2021 8:53 AM

**To:** Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: NOAA/EPA Joint Briefing with Sen. Feinstein Staff on Deep Ocean DDT Contamination off the Southern California Coast

Hi Sonam — Thank you very much again for helping to organize the briefing on Monday. It was really helpful and informative. I had a follow up question for John Lyons based on a statement he made during this week's briefing. He said that EPA's current view is the dominant source of DDT to the CA bite was from the wastewater treatment plant on the PV shelf and not the deep-sea dumping that we were discussing. I'm wondering how EPA has established that view, especially since simultaneously, a theme of the briefing was how little we know about the effects of the offshore dumping. Was there a study or studies he was relying on? If there's more information, that would be really helpful.

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Secondly, if someone could provide an update of where things currently stand with the PV shelf clean up, I'd appreciate it.

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Lastly, we are hearing from EPA they are not the lead agency and are in a support position to NOAA yet hearing the same thing from NOAA. Can you clarify EPA's position? And also let me know the list of agencies who are invited to the early June meeting on this topic that was mentioned in the briefing. Thanks! Happy to hop on phone if that would be helpful.

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**Subject:** RE: NOAA/EPA Joint Briefing with Sen. Feinstein Staff on Deep Ocean DDT Contamination off the Southern California Coast

Good afternoon,

Attached is the presentation from our discussion earlier today. If you have any questions please let me know.

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